





**THE HICKMAN COURIER,**

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Short communications on public questions printed—but not responsible for sentiments or expressions of correspondents—except where we refuse to give name of author.

**Local Items.**

**FARM FOR RENT.**  
FOUR MILES BELOW HICKMAN.  
For further information inquire at  
22-11 THIS OFFICE.

Dr. Englund's Celebrated Relief, is a cure for nervous and sick headaches. For sale by Buck & Cowgill. [angt 4]

PLEASE RETURN a large Bath Tub, taken from the late office of Dr. Carleton, deceased.

GEO. HELM.

Mr. John Erwin, an old merchant, of Troy, Tenn., died, last week.

WANTED—An Unfurnished Room, by two gentlemen. Address K this office.

It is said that in some parts of Weakly county, Tenn., the horses are dying with blind staggers.

The Methodist in the neighborhood of Thomas Worsham's, are preparing to build a church. They think their "rich" neighbors about Hickman ought to help them.

There is a woman in this country, who, for thirty years, has regularly, each night, looked for the man under the bed. She has found him, and now says she wishes she hadn't.

Dr. Leslie and Davis, who volunteered their services to the people of Hickman, during the late epidemic, were tendered a public reception by the people of Lincoln, Nebraska, last week.

The neatest, costliest restaurant establishment in Southern Kentucky, is that of Warner & Meacham, Hickman, Ky. Meals only 25 cents. Guests will receive every courtesy and attention. See card.

Oscar TURNER of Fayette, gets two years in the penitentiary for house breaking, and Oscar Turner, of Ballard, gets two years in Congress for convention bating.—Courier Journal.

The County Democratic meetings, to instruct for Governor and other State officers, are being called and held throughout the State. The Fulton committee should step to the front, and authorize our county meeting.

ROBERT.—The grocery house of J. R. Brown, was broken open Tuesday night, and robbed of goods and some money to the value of about \$150. The lock to a side door was broken, and the goods carried out the back window. Officers are in search of the thieves.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact, that it is unlawful to take up stock and keep them longer than ten days without posting them. It can be made a general offence if prosecuted.

Some friends remind us that W. L. McCutchen, not Judge Landrum, is the man who built the most houses in Hickman. It is nip and tuck between these two, but in a matter of such laudable enterprise, we shall not decide between them, but rank them even. Next.

Rev. J. W. Wilson is the pastor appointed to the charge of the Methodist Church at this place for the ensuing conference year, and has arrived, and entered upon his work Sunday last. He was last year, with the Madison Street Church, Memphis. The Hickman congregation are well pleased with him.

The confectionery and bakery of Mr. John Cole, has been entirely repared, repainted, and renovated, and now presents a brand, sparkling new appearance, which together with an entire new stock of confectioneries and candies, makes it a place of attractions.

THE LESLIE TESTIMONIAL.—Citizens of Hickman, desiring to subscribe to the Leslie testimonial can do so at this office, or any member of the Relief Committee. Every man, woman and child, white or black, ought to do themselves the credit and pleasure to subscribe something, however small. It is not the value of the presentation, but the act.

Hon. Henry George, member of the Legislature from Green county, and prospective candidate for the State Senate, visited Hickman, Wednesday and Thursday. He is a great favorite with those who know him.

TAX-PAYERS' this issue, puts some pointed questions to our County Court of Claims. The columns of the Courier are open for a reply. We apprehend the "set-off" will be lively, but it concerns court matters which are legitimate for public discussion, and so we say dance. It concerns the people's interest, and the people should hear all about it. In fact the public is the appellate court in such matters. So, the case is tickled for trial, the plaintiffs pleading still in the cause, and the defense, and the parties defendant will not let judgment go against them by default, or deny the appellate jurisdiction of the people. The Courier has no partiality, but will give each an equal showing.

CAPTURED THE THIEVES.—Marshals James Warner and policemen Hackett had the good luck to capture the thieves, charged with robbing the grocery house of J. R. Brown. The robbery was committed Tuesday night. Wednesday morning Warner and Hackett started in pursuit. The thieves, in their hurry of committing the robbery, and their greediness in trying to pack too much, dropped pieces of the stolen goods, to which the police, while pursuing the quick-sighted detectives, to the probable trouble they had taken. So, in a skiff, and down the river they started. At a tow-head, near New Madrid, on the Kentucky shore, they ran up on a camp fire, and, landing, found themselves in the presence of the objects of their search. The thieves, at first, made some manifestations of resistance, but Warner's party soon convinced them that resistance was worse than foolishness, and two of the three surrendered, the third one making his escape, or rather, he had to make his escape, this third one is an island, which being searched and sparred by four good men, and it is thought that it is impossible for him to escape, unless he swims the river, and we guess he'd rather be captured than to swim such weather as this.

The goods stolen from Brown's grocery, consisting of coffee, tobacco, cigars, etc., were found on the shore sparred and hid about in different places. There was also found a dozen or two of new pistols, or three shot bags full of pocket knives, etc. The prisoners deny any knowledge of the stolen goods, and of course will plead not guilty.

They were brought to Hickman, Wednesday night, and committed to jail.

Attention is called to the card of Oliver Goinsand, portrait painter, Louisville, Kentucky. There are hundreds of citizens about Hickman who can bear testimony to the excellency of his work

BALLARD FOR BLACKBURN.—TURKESSES GAFFING CONVENTION Men [From the Paducah News.] Another matter of special interest to the people of Western Kentucky considered by the Masonic Club last night. We have reference to the effort now in process of inaugurating for the relief of this widow and two daughters of the late martyred hero, Dr. Jno L. Cook, of Henderson, Ky., who fell so nobly battling for mankind at Hickman, Ky. On motion of Dr. Singleton, the chair appointed a committee to develop a plan, and to call a meeting of the nobly widow of Dr. Cook will receive that aid and assistance from the people of Kentucky, and especially from South Western Kentucky, in part payment of a debt which the people of this Commonwealth owe her for the loss of their noble and devoted husband and father, the brave defender of his fellow man, whose place can never be filled in the home and hearts he has left behind.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR.—Tom Corbett, 1 choice; H. A. Tyler, 2d choice; Auditor—Fayette Hewitt, 1st choice; J. P. Nuckles 2d choice.

SUPPLY PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—Z F. Smith, 1st choice; No second choice.

ATTY. GENERAL.—Thus. E. Nos. No second choice.

REGISTER LAND OFFICE.—W. L. Vories—No second choice.

TREASURER.—J. W. Tate.

Our informant, who was present asserts that the Turners made up to the election on all convention candidates. The onslaught was developed in the contest for Lieutenant Governor, when the name of Mr. Corbett—a Ballard man—not a candidate—was brought out, to prevent first instructions for Auditor. For Auditor, the name of Tom Geheen, from the neighboring county of Marshall, a strong conventionist, was ignored. So in the contest for Register, the name of Mr. Beldj, a strong conventionist, of Calvo way was ignored. We see the first blood for Turner, and now let's see who gets the next knock down.

Rise and Explain.

A discussion, during the recent session of the Legislature, of Calvo's rise to power, has convinced that the rings and connivances of the country are an instrument in the hands of the South.

The remarks show that the Court of Appeals was assigned the duty of deciding the plan in question; the committee to report at a called meeting of the Club, in Drs Saunders and Davis' office, next Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

If the District papers will please notice this effort in behalf of the relief of Mrs. Dr. Cook, they will very much promote the success of the movement now being commenced.

**The Cook Benefit Fund.**

[From the Paducah News.] Senator Evans' position on the above question is well taken. The Mississippi river is a piece of flowing, elastic, expanding and destructive property which belongs to the Government, and it is the Government's business to keep it within the banks. That is the principle on which the towns and cities on the Northern lakes obtain millions of dollars annually for the protection of their waters to protect their harbors. The people there claim that the Government owns the lakes, and that it is the Government's business to keep them within the banks, cost what the process may.

That principle the Government spends millions every year building breakwaters, for instances, for such towns as Black Lake harbor, Saginaw, etc., and especially from South Western Kentucky, in part payment of a debt which the people of this Commonwealth owe her for the loss of their noble and devoted husband and father, the brave defender of his fellow man, whose place can never be filled in the home and hearts he has left behind.

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In accordance with the long honored and established faith of the Democratic party, we hold that the honest and lawful coin of the people of the United States is gold and silver coin, or paper currency convertible into such coin at the will of the holder. [From all our old Democratic friends.]

**FOR GOVERNOR.**  
Dr. Luke P. Blackburn, of Jefferson.

**FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR.**  
Hon. Henry A. Tyler, of Fulton.

Clinton and Blandville are reviving the Murphy movement by holding weekly meetings.

Now that Christmas is at hand and eggs are valuable, the hens have gone to loosing.

A Kentucky Branch of the Southern Historical Society was organized in Lexington Monday evening.

Gen. Grant has written to his friends in this country that he expects to occupy his cottage at Long Branch as early as next June.

Mr. Robt. Patton, a prominent citizen of Ohio county, committed suicide on Wednesday of last week. He had been partially deranged for several months.

Mrs Ruth Caldwell Watts, sister to Hon. W. P. Caldwell, M. C., and to Mr. R. H. Caldwell, of the N. & N. W. railroad company, is in charge of the music department of McKenzie College.

There are six negroes in the South Carolina Legislature—all Democrats and elected by Democrats. How is that for a Southern outrage? Let the ballot boxes be invested.

At a meeting of the members of the Baptist church last night, Rev. R. S. Fleming was unanimously called to the pastorate of that church.—Clinton Democrat.

Senator Lamar says that the South can never forget the grand, fearless, splendidly generous manner in which the North, so little a time ago her deadly enemy, came to her aid with ships and medicines and material aid of all kinds. Her hearty support and encouragement and good cheer. It took away hard feelings long cherished and softened bitterness long felt.

If the United States revenue from the last fiscal year had been collected, forty million dollars were derived from the tariff, and one hundred and ten millions from internal taxes. Of the latter, tobacco yielded forty million; distilled spirits, fifty millions; cemented liquors, ten millions; and stamps, six millions; banks and bankers, nearly four millions. There was a falling off in receipts in every item excepted liquors.

The agent of Theodore Thomas went to a small city in Michigan to make arrangements for him. He went to the editor of the "Daily Tribune" in the place, and after a description of Thomas, his orchestra and the beautiful classical music they performed he asked the editor what he thought of the prospect for business would be. "Well," replied the editor, the success of the Thomas troupe depends entirely upon the sort of audience you get. You know how good men you'd do well. But if you don't get men your people won't patronize the show."

The Cairo Short Line railroad is to be extended from Duquesne to Nashville. The road will run between Shannondale, Ill., and Smithland, Ky., at a point to be called Guard City. The name of the road will be the Nashville and St. Louis Air Line.

**COURIER JOURNAL.** One of the charges against Breckinridge is that a person's horse is never safe there. While the good man is exonerating the go-between his tail is shaved. The person whose horse is not thus treated must needs kick the withtiful near the window, that the clerical eye may see what is going on outside as well as within the church. His charge may lack truth, but it could be well if nothing worse had ever carried the name of Breckinridge to the northern half of the State.

**\$3,500,000 DOLLARS.** Mr. Gibson presented a bill in the House yesterday for the improvement of the Mississippi river and its tributaries, involving an appropriation of \$3,500,000. This is about the sum that New York asks to continue the Hell Gate and Harlem river improvement, which is a matter of local interest. In the passage of the bill presented by Mr. Gibson, the people of the entire Mississippi Valley are immediately interested, and their representatives will be present to their interest if they neglect to push it through. Let there be solidity in the work for small appropriation by Southern and Western and Northwestern representatives and the measure cannot be passed.

**Pockets of the People.**

If the people would only bear in mind that all governmental expenses are out of their own pockets, and when these expenses are heavy they become proportionately burdensome and oppressive, there would soon be less toleration of Governmental extravagance.

Indeed, we should have less government, and that seems to be the only certain way of getting rid of governmental extravagance. For whatever the Government does is done at an enormous disadvantage. It appears to be impossible for the Government to get work done without it costing very much more than the same work could be done for an individual, sometimes the cost is twice as much; sometimes it is three times as much.

**Territory Than Breathitt.**

[Paris ( Tenn.) Gazette.] Caloway county, Ky., is certainly becoming notorious for babies, more particularly that portion of it reaching across the Cross and the Paris and Murray road. Within the last two weeks there have been eleven children born at birth. Pit Smitherman's wife presented him with two boys a few days ago. Dr. Story's wife presented him with a girl a few days ago.

Dr. Luke P. Blackburn, of Fulton, in a rich man some money, and was unable to pay. The rich man obtained a judgment and execution, but there was nothing on which the Sheriff could levy. The Irishman had two large pigs, but the law allows a man two, and the Sheriff could not take them. The rich man then bought two little pigs, had them presented to the Irishman, and therupon took his two large ones.

**How to Get Rich.**

Mis. Susan King, of Harlem, recently saw the following advertisement in a county newspaper:

How to get rich—A rare secret—send twenty five cents to Gao, Portland, Me.

Prompted by curiosity, she forwarded the money and received the following reply:

"Work like the devil and never spend a cent."

Alabama is burdened with land purchased by the State at tax sales. In one county the State has got possession of \$10,000 a year to a family as a help to their education.

#### Our Local County.

A local comity, or courtesy, has grown up between the counties of Hickman, Fulton and Graves, that the Senator from this District should alternate between the counties. This comity exists only as courtesy, and sometimes the rare commodity is liable to be obscured by what might be supposed to be "trading between politicians." There is nothing in the "claim of a county"—unless the candidate making such claims represents issues acceptable to a majority of the voters of the three counties, and also possesses ability equal to, if not superior to, his competitors.

Such a claim is not likely to cut much of a figure in the approaching election, for that contest will most likely involve issues more important than local courtesies. A voter, who wants the State constitution amended so as to establish ballot voting instead of the present system, or any other of the important changes contemplated in regard to the constitution, will not debate much as to which county the candidate representing his views is in. It will indeed be better for the State, if all members of the State Legislature should be elected with a view to qualifications and because of issues represented, rather than because of the number of votes the Princeton Banner said on the idea of prohibiting the State Legislature from assembling of a man simply because he lives on "the side of the creek" has furnished the State, at times, some admirable representatives. Such a comity of courtesy, as it is called, is an admirable arrangement for aspirants and politicians to trade on; and there is no harm in it so long as good men are chosen. But, the truth is, the best and ablest citizens should be chosen as Representatives and Senators, regardless of residence.

Fulton county is the gainer, in so far as the number of representatives is concerned, by this custom of alternating the members, but if the custom sacrifices any interest of the people, it amounts to nothing, and should control no man's vote. The custom is objectionable in some respects, as, for instance, if the observance of this custom should induce voters to waive the consideration of public issues, to pay a compliment to a neighbor, because at a previous election "my neighbor" was honored. The person of a candidate will be weighed, and should be, but we long to see the day when Senators and members of the Legislature will be chosen because they represent certain issues. When a man is elected on certain given issues the people may expect those issues to be carried out by the member. If he is chosen on the general issue that he is a democrat, and that his father was one before him, and that "my county is entitled to the member this time," there can be nothing much expected, because, as a candidate, he was pledged to nothing and having dodged all general issues, and as a Representative he will know little of the sentiments of his people, because the people waited everything and instructed him in nothing.

**Our Hunter a Great Man.**  
Kentucky has no great man in public service, and that's the truth of it. This is a lamentable vacuum in the history of a State whose previous history has been so identified with the illustrious names of its sons. Mr. Beck, when a member of the lower House of Congress, exposing the corruptions and wrongs of the war times, gave promise of rising into history alongside the names of Breckinridge, Clay and Crittenden, but his career in the Senate has not equaled such expectations. Some few papers have attempted to magnify the name of Ex. Gov. Stevenson into Presidential dimensions, but a name that failed to excite an endorsement from his own State after one term in the United States Senate, is not likely to be galvanized into a national popularity sufficient to attract much attention as a candidate for Presidential honors. Mr. Knott and Joe Blackburn have, indeed, a national reputation, but it seems to promise no wider scope than a continuance in Congress. Asides from these, Kentucky has no public man that is much known outside the State. Our Governors, somehow, step from the gubernatorial chair into some cozy country law office, and there an end of 'em. Our public men, maybe, are of average ability, but we're lacking in a "great soul" such as old Kentuckians have been accustomed to. Perhaps it's the fault of the material we place to the front; perhaps the solid political complexion of the State renders the manufacture of great leaders impossible or not necessary to the times. Be this as it may, there is a decadence—Kentucky no longer occupies a front rank in the production of great men. If the thing that charmed, and that soon, the COURIER will advocate a new deal all round, those old ones overboard and put new men in their places. We should have, and must have, at least one "great man" in the State of Kentucky.

**DRUNKARDS SHALL NOT MARRY.**—The government of the principality of Waldeck, in Germany, have given public notice that no license to marry will hereafter be granted to any individual who is addicted to drunkenness, or, if having been so, has not exhibited full proofs that he is no longer a slave to this vice. In this way, we can reach the old democratic idea of voting for principles, not men.

**DRUNKARD'S SOUL NOT MARRY.**—The poor Irishman at the Trig County Democrat, is being strongly urged by State Senator from that District. He is a bold, independent thinker, just such material as Kentucky now needs in her State Legislature.

**How to Get Rich.**

Mis. Susan King, of Harlem, recently saw the following advertisement in a county newspaper:

How to get rich—A rare secret—send twenty five cents to Gao, Portland, Me.

Prompted by curiosity, she forwarded the money and received the following reply:

"Work like the devil and never spend a cent."

Bishop Ames' son, Mr. Emmet Beck, born an old Caloway county man was a delegate to the New Orleans convention from Franklin, Tenn. He moved to Memphis to practice law seven or eight years ago, and is now Mayor of that growing city of the Southwest. He is now in Murray visiting his old friends.

#### News for Our Neighbors to Crack.

How does the Paducah News stand on the proposition to assemble a State Constitutional Convention?

How does the Paducah Sun stand on the question of prohibiting by constitutional law, counties, towns, or cities, from voting taxes for railroads, etc?

How does the Trig County Demo stand on the question of incorporating a primary election plan as a part of our constitutional law, i.e., before each regular election, for certain officers, a primary poll shall be held, at which all parties vote, and the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes at the primaries, shall be the only names voted for at the regular election?

How does the Mayfield Leader stand on the question of restricting suffrage to those who can read and write?

How does the Mayfield Democrat stand on the question of remodeling our County Court system?

How does the Mayfield Monitor stand on the question of changing the State Constitution, so that the taxes shall be assessed by Magistrates and collected by the Constables in their respective districts?

How does the Princeton Banner stand on the idea of prohibiting the State Legislature from assembling of a man simply because he lives on "the side of the creek" has furnished the State, at times, some admirable representatives. Such a comity of courtesy, as it is called, is an admirable arrangement for aspirants and politicians to trade on; and there is no harm in it so long as good men are chosen as Representatives and Senators, regardless of residence.

If these District papers are for or against any of these propositions, or any similar ones, involved by the proposal to call a Constitutional Convention, will they, to the end of a fair discussion before the people, make the issues for or against candidates for Representatives and Senators?

How does the Columbus Sentinel stand on Female Suffrage?

How does the Marion Reporter stand on keeping up public roads by public taxation?

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How does the press of the State stand on these questions? Consider yourself invited and answer.

To strengthen the backbone of some of us "rural roosters," is the great bane-wether of the State, the Courier Journal, for or against a Constitutional Convention?

A little more honest of conviction, or expression and of credit is needed on the part of the Kentucky press-men who will think and speak for themselves; men who are willing to expose their opinions to the world, and yet are afraid to do so.

The indiscriminate smearing of every little poppycock candidate, who may chance to announce himself for office, with extravagant praise, is a fault with the Kentucky press. The average candidate is an average man, and that's all there is of him, only after a few years electing experience.

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